



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: RUPPMAN
Serial No.: 09/683,106
Filing Date: November 19, 2001
Confirmation No. 8645
Group Art Unit: 1732
Examiner: Suzanne E. McDowell
Title: *Method of Making an Improved Preform*

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL
Certificate No. EV 732503122 US

I certify that this communication is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Willie Jiles

Willie Jiles

March 21, 2006
Date

Response Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks as set forth below.